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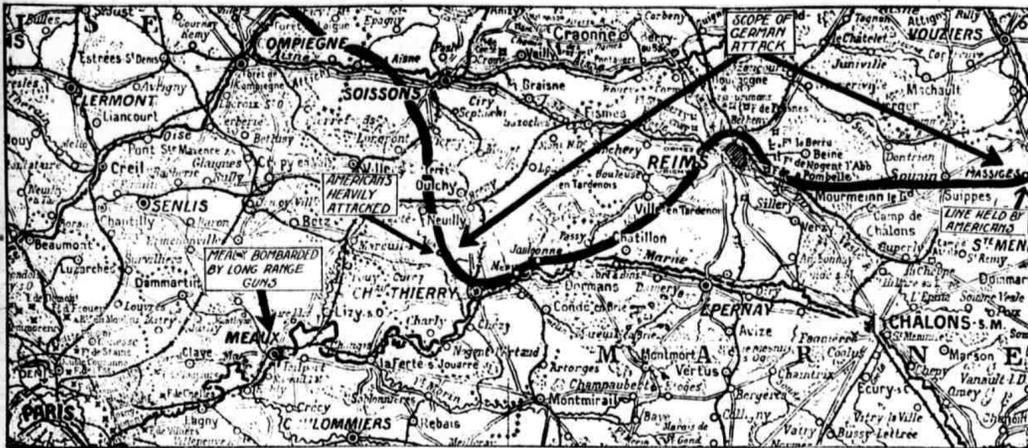
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Americans and French Withstand German Drive on Fifty-Mile Front; U. S. Counter Hurls Foe Back at Vaux

WHERE GERMANS HAVE LAUNCHED NEW DRIVE ON FIFTY-MILE FRONT



The new German attack against the Franco-American lines extends on a front of approximately fifty miles, from Chateau-Thierry to Main-de-Massiges, in the Argonne. The heaviest struggle is taking place at Vaux, two miles to the west of Chateau-Thierry. Menx, twenty-five miles from Chateau-Thierry toward Paris, is being bombarded by the German long-range guns.

FOE IS HURLED BACK AT VAUX BY AMERICANS

U. S. Troops Also Open Counter-Attack Below Somme Sector

BATTLE TO DEATH AGAINST INVADERS

Pour Withering Fire on Germans Crossing River on Bridges

STRIKE BACK AT CONDE

Attack on Pershing's Force Above Chateau May Have Been Feint

With the American Army on the Marne, July 15.

The American forces delivered a counter-attack upon the Germans in the Vaux region, two miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry, this morning and drove off the enemy. It is reported that the Americans have advanced their own lines a distance of several hundred yards, but this has not been confirmed.

The counter-attack followed a heavy German thrust, inaugurated after a furious bombardment on a ten-mile front between Vaux and Jaugnonne, south of the Marne.

Second Counter-Attack

In the Conde region, however, before American counter-attacks, German advances across the Marne appeared to have eliminated the river salient. The counter-attack was launched shortly after 11 o'clock by one of the American infantry regiments.

The town of Conde mentioned is probably Conde-en-Brie, which lies about three and three-quarter miles south of the Marne and eight miles southeast of Chateau-Thierry.

At 11:20 o'clock this morning the long-range bombardment was becoming more intense. The day opened sunny, but low clouds are now scurrying over the battlefield, threatening rain.

It is clear that the German attack in the Vaux region completely broke down under the American counter-attack. Further sharp fighting is to develop in this area at any time, however.

Americans Fight Bravely

The operation at Vaux appeared to be a feint, for soon after it began the Germans attacked all along the Marne, where they were gallantly opposed by more of the American troops and the French.

The first crossing was made at the peak of the big river bend. The American machine gunners and infantrymen fought and died where they stood here.

Others of the American troops withdrew strategically as the enemy attacked from east of Chateau-Thierry to along the Marne, east of Dormans, making additional crossings.

Throw Bridges Across River

In their attack on the Marne from the Germans threw many bridges across the river. Over these the Germans are passing under a withering fire from the artillery. Further progress is being stayed by the machine gunners.

The Americans and their French comrades have resisted the enemy to the utmost and are continuing this character of resistance.

Early reports concerning the Vaux battle said the Americans were holding their own, maintaining their positions and "handling the enemy well" as the desperate fighting continued. The Americans wore their gas masks as they fought the attacking Germans.

Bombardment Durlous

The attack on the American positions in the region of Vaux began at 6 o'clock this morning, following a heavy bombardment with gas and high explosives. Simultaneously the enemy started a heavy bombardment in the region of Jaugnonne (seven miles east of Chateau-Thierry on the north of the Marne).

While the fighting near Chateau-Thierry was under way, the Germans began bombarding Meux (twenty-five miles west and south of Chateau-Thierry on the road to Paris) with long-range guns.

Soon after the German attack at Vaux, the whole line in both directions from that town was dense with smoke and gas funneled in the few intermissions with a terrific din of machine-gun and rifle fire, which seemed of the hottest character in Vaux itself.

When the enemy infantry appeared, the Americans swarmed out and met the attackers with a rain of machine-gun bullets.

None of the enemy machines dropped bombs," says the message. "All the machines fell into our hands, and the crews were taken prisoners alive, except a few."

This was the first great independent air action of the Americans. It failed completely.

GERMANS PUSH OVER MARNE, BUT ALLIES HALT THEIR PLUNGE

Pershing's and Petain's Troops Check Enemy East of Rheims as Kaiser Extends Offensive to the Champagne — Yankees Strike Back at Invaders—Prussian Attempt to Advance on Ourcq Broken Up

With the American Army on the Marne, July 15.

The Americans, shortly before noon, launched a heavy counter-attack against large forces of Germans which had forced a crossing of the Marne at three points on a four-mile front east of Chateau-Thierry. The result of this fighting is not yet known.

Word received here shows that the enemy launched an attack east of Rheims, but on the sectors on that front on which French and Americans are fighting side by side the positions are reported intact.

The American machine gunners here let the enemy come close to their positions and then opened a deadly fire into the advancing close formations of Germans.

Reports here shortly after 11 A. M. said that the enemy up to about an hour previously had made no progress whatever east of Rheims.

The French army of the Champagne is holding magnificently against the new German drive, according to dispatches received from the battlefield this afternoon.

The enemy concentration appears to have been greatest between Dormans and Rheims (a front of twenty-five miles). The Germans are reported to have crossed the Marne at several points between Chateau-Thierry and Dormans, which should be easy because of the narrowness of the river. Elsewhere the French are holding the Germans in their outpost zones.

Simultaneous with the drive on the fifty-mile front between Chateau-Thierry and Main-de-Massiges, the Germans attempted a formidable attack on the Ourcq front toward La Fere-Milon (fifteen miles northwest of Chateau-Thierry). They encountered a crushing barrage and were unable to debouch from their own positions.

The main drive appears to be an attempt by General von Gallwitz's army, which previously has not been engaged in the German offensive, to converge upon Chalons (twenty-four miles southeast of Rheims) from several points.

There are numerous apparent reasons for the enemy drive, aside from the immediate objective of Chalons. It is obviously a part of the attempted advance toward Paris. The enemy also hopes to take Rheims, which already is surrounded on three sides. And, evidently, Von Gallwitz is seeking to enlarge the salient created in the previous Marne drive.

The Germans have crossed the Marne at several points in their new drive begun today on a fifty-mile front, it was learned authoritatively here this afternoon.

French positions have been penetrated at some points to the depth of 5000 yards (nearly three miles). Some villages have been captured.

The Germans launched an attack this morning on the fifty-mile front extending from Chateau-Thierry eastward to Maine de Massiges. The battle is continuing.

The attack followed a violent artillery preparation. The French are sustaining their positions.

"The Germans attacked this morning from Chateau-Thierry to Main-de-Massiges, after the most violent artillery preparations," the communique said.

"The French are sustaining their positions energetically before the enemy assault on a front of about eighty kilometers (49.68 miles). The battle is continuing."

Main-de-Massiges is in the Champagne region, thirty-two miles east of Rheims. The latter city is also in the center of the new drive.

At least two distinct attacks were reported.

FIFTH WARD MEN CONFRONT JURORS

Expressed Prejudice Delays Selection as Conspiracy Trial Opens

GRAY LOSES SKIRMISHES

Jurors Chosen to Try Fifth Ward Defendants

C. Leroy Johnson, farmer, Upper Oxford. Joseph T. Harkness, merchant, West Chester. Harry Holden, clerk, Caln. Dr. Wendell P. Lamborn, dentist, West Chester. Frank Walker, farmer, Franklin. Harry Jones, farmer, South Coventry. J. Warner Fulton, clerk, Caln. William P. Weaver, farmer, Honeybrook.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 15.

Expressed prejudice against the Fifth Ward defendants, Isaac Deutsch, Lieutenant David Bennett and five policemen, on trial here today, delayed the selection of a jury.

The defendants are facing Judge House on indictments charging conspiracy to violate the Sbern law and to obstruct a free election.

Eleven jurors had been accepted up to 11:30 o'clock.

C. Leroy Johnson, the first man accepted, declared that he had never read anything about the case.

Numerous talkers who were rejected admitted they had formed strong opinions in regard to Deutsch, Bennett and others of the defendants.

A local attorney, former Judge Gavthrop, conducted the examination of talkers for the prosecution.

John S. Williams, a farmer, of Schuylkill; Benjamin Jones, West Marlborough; Frank Riley, West Goshen, and Thomas E. Gillingham, Oxford, were challenged preemptorily. They admitted they had formed opinions of the case.

Mr. Gray, in his examination of veniremen, dwelt at length on the possibility of opinion being formed by reading newspapers, reports of the Fifth Ward case. Gray asserted that newspaper accounts of the case had been distorted.

In questioning William A. McMichael, retired, West Chester, Mr. Gray asked him if he had any prejudice against the defendants that would make him to be renounced by evidence. McMichael admitted he had. He was excused.

MAYOR'S NAME IS MENTIONED

The next three men examined had formed no opinions on the case and were directed take seats in the jury box. As they were sworn, the clerk of the court, in reading the names of the defendants, mentioned the name of Mayor Johnson.

JUST THE WEATHER

"Blow, ye winds from the west!" Moderately they are blowing, variable in their east, tomorrow cloudiness showing, milder and the weather at best a general cloudiness share. "But," she quick-wittedly says, "we're admittedly fair!"

P. R. T. CO. SUED FOR PROFIT TAX

Fourteen Actions Filed by Underlying Concerns to Recover Money

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